

**SPAIN  
MADE  
SIMPLE**  
SANDTONS

# **TAXES MADE SIMPLE**

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**THE QUICK GUIDE**

## INTRODUCTION

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Spain is not a tax haven, but it is not a tax prison  
either. With the right structure—specifically the  
Beckham Law, it can be incredibly tax-efficient for high  
earners.



# THE "TAX RESIDENT" TRAP

You become a Spanish Tax Resident if:



## You spend 183+ days in Spain

(Jan 1–Dec 31).



## Spouse/Kids

Your "Center of Vital Interests" (Spouse/Kids) lives here.

**The Consequence:** You pay Spanish tax on your worldwide income.

**The Exception:** The Beckham Law (see below).



# THE "BECKHAM LAW" (THE GAME CHANGER)

This is the single most important tool for Digital Nomads and Expats.

## ★ The Beckham Law Benefits

The Deal

**Non-Resident**

Taxed as if you weren't  
living here

The Rate

**Flat 24%**

On income up to  
€600,000

Duration

**6 Years**

Year of arrival + 5  
years

**The Magic:** You pay ZERO Spanish tax on dividends, interest, or capital gains earned outside of Spain.



tax break

**The Deadline:**

You MUST apply within 6 months of arrival.

## THE "WEALTH TAX" MYTH



### Myth

"Spain taxes everything I own worldwide."



### Fact

The Wealth Tax has high exemptions (700,000 Euro per person). Plus, regions like Madrid and Andalusia currently offer 100% relief (you pay zero). Unless your net worth is over 3 Million Euro (triggering the "Solidarity Tax"), this rarely affects average expats.



# THE US-SPAIN DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY



## Double Taxation Agreement

- **No Double Tax:** You will not pay tax twice on the same dollar.
- **How it works:** You pay Spain first. Then, you claim a "Foreign Tax Credit" on your US return. Since Spanish tax is often higher, you usually owe the IRS zero.



## QUICK DECISION: YOUR TAX PROFILE

### Digital Nomad Earning 100k+

#### Beckham Law

Apply for Beckham Law immediately. Pay flat 24%.



### Retiree with US Pension

#### Standard Residency

US Gov pensions are usually tax-exempt in Spain (but boost your bracket).



### Business Owner

#### Careful Planning

Spain hates "Pass-Through" LLCs. You need sophisticated planning.

## LET SANDTONS HANDLE IT

From tax planning to Beckham Law applications, our experts ensure you pay the minimum legally required.



**Tax Services**

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# NEED PERSONALIZED GUIDANCE?

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We've created dedicated resource hubs for different backgrounds. Get support tailored to your country of origin.

## Get personalized guidance on:

- Tax optimization for US expats and reporting to the IRS
- UK family relocation and post-Brexit implications
- EU residency requirements and Padron registration
- International school comparisons (US, UK, EU curricula)
- Accurate, not abstract cost of living comparisons from where you live to where you want to live in Spain

**US HUB**

**UK HUB**

**EU HUB**

## BEYOND THE GUIDE?

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